(c) whether any opportunity was given to the complainants to be present at the time of the enquiry and give their own statement or adduce other evidence?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No statement was received by the Government. The Government obtained a report on seeing the statement published in *Swarajya* and found the allegation about beating in the Police lock-up to be totally false. The persons mentioned with the crowd that collected were dispersed after warning, but they were not taken to the Washermanpet Police station or beaten there.

Alleged cruelty on the part of the Police at Robertsonpet, Masulipatam.

* 7 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a letter from Sjt. P. Ghanta Reddi complaining that himself and J. Pattabhi Ramayya were taken by the Police of Robertsonpet Police station, Masulipatam, on the 27th March 1932 to the said Police station and that the Police beat Pattabhi Ramayya and that Mr. Ghanta Reddi who was taken to the lock up, was kicked on the chest and back by the Police and also beaten, and that one head constable spat on his face; if so, whether he will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House;

(*b*) whether any enquiry was held on the same; if so, whether the said complainant was examined or any statement was taken from him or any opportunity was given to him to be present at the time of the enquiry and adduce evidence; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes. A copy[a] of the letter is placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) & (*c*) The District Magistrate has made such enquiry as he found necessary. It was open to the two persons mentioned to complain to the District Magistrate, if they were prepared to substantiate the facts alleged. If they have not done so, the Government do not propose to take any further action.

Alleged detention of three ladies in unlawful custody by the Ellore Police.

* 8 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Srimathi Mudumbi Venkatamma, Javaj Rajaratnamma, Maddula Damayantamma, were arrested on the 18th March in Ellore for distributing Congress pamphlets and released on 2nd April 1932;

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 103 infra.